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CIVIL-MILITARY RESPONSES TO
TERRORISM PRESENTATION OF
ALBANIA

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

- ALBANIA IS SITUATED IN THE SOUTH EASTERN PART OF EUROPE WITH A POPULATION OF 3.5 MILLION INHABITANTS. ITS AREA IS 28.000 SQUARE KILOMETRES AND SHARES BORDERS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO, KOSOVO, FYROM, GREECE AND ITALY THROUGH THE ADRIATIC SEA.
- RELIGION: ALBANIA IS COMPOSED OF 70% MUSLIM, 15 % CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX AND 15% ROMAN CATHOLIC. TRADITIONALLY AND NOWADAYS ALBANIA IS DISTINGUISHED FOR THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE THREE MAIN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.

POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES

- ALBANIA MOVED FROM THE TOTALITARIAN REGIME TO DEMOCRACY IN THE EARLY 90-TIES. MULTI PARTY SYSTEM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN DENIED FOR DECADES WERE INTRODUCED.
- THESE CHANGES WERE NOT PERCEIVED IN THE SAME WAY BY DIFFERENT GROUPS OF THE POPULATION. WITH THE CHANGE OF THE REGIME, NEW PHENOMENA LIKE ORGANIZED CRIME, HUMAN AND DRUGS TRAFFICKING AS WELL AS TERRORISM WERE INTRODUCED.
- THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT PREPARED TO HANDLE PROPERLY THE NEW CHALLENGES; THERE WERE LEGAL GAPS, THE SECURITY AGENCIES AND POLICE DID NOT HAVE THE ECXPERIENCE TO DEAL WITH THE NEW PHENOMENA.

FORMS OF TERRORISM

- THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ALBANIAN ARMY, POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ARE TO PREVENT AND DISRUPT ALL KINDS OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES THAT THREATEN THE NATIONAL SECURITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER OF THE COUNTRY.
- DURING THE LAST DECADE WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY ACT OF TERRORISM ON THE ALBANIAN SOIL CONDUCTED BY GROUPS MOTIVATED BY IDEOLOGICAL OR RELIGIOUS REASONS.
- HOWEVER WE HAVE COME ACROSS THE NEW VARIETY OF TERRORISM NAMELY THE HYBRID TERRORISM BOTH DOMESTIC WITH INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL WITH DOMESTIC SUPPORT

VULNERABILITIES AND RESPONSE OF THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT TO TERRORISM

- OPEN DOOR POLICY TRYING TO BRING INTO THE COUNTRY FOREIGN AID AND ASSISTANCE
- RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES USED AS COVER FOR FOREIGN TERRORISTS TO PENETRATE.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTACTS, ACCOMODATION AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES.
- DUAL CITIZENSHIP AND MARRIAGE WITH THE LOCALS.
- ABUSE OF OF THE FUNDS OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR TERRORIST PURPOSES.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL NETWORKS AND LINKAGE WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS.
- LEGAL GAPS, LACK OF EXPERIENCE.
- POOR BORDER CONTROL AND USAGE OF ORGANIZED CRIME ROUTES TO MOVE TO WESTERN COUNTRIES.
- ESTABLISHMENT AND TRAINING OF THE COUNTER-TERRORISM UNITS.MONITORING OF SUSPECTED ORGANIZATIONS, IDENTIFICATION OF THE TARGETS AND EXTRADITION FROM THE COUNTRY.
- FREEZING THE ASSETS AND BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE FINANCIAL ENTITIES LINKED TO TERRORISM. SHUTTING DOWN THE ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF TERRORISM.
- INCREASE OF THE COOPERATION WITH THE POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DISRUPT ALL TERRORIST RELATED ACTIVITES.LEGAL MODIFICATIONS, SETTING UP AND TRAINING FOR POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES.
- BETTER MONITORING OF THE BORDERS, DATA BASE FOR TERRORIST ELEMENTS, WATCHLISTING THEM AT THE BORDER CROSSING POINTS ETC

DOMESTIC, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES FALLS UNDER THE POLICE AND STATE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.
- GIVEN THE GLOBAL REACH OF THIS NEW THREAT AND THE COMMITMENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO FIGHT TERRORISM, IT IS NOW A PRIORITY NOT ONLY FOR POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE BUT ALSO FOR THE OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.
- THERE IS A GOOD FLOW OF INFORMATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. THERE IS SHARE OF INTELLIGENCE AS WELL AS JOINT OPERATIONS WITH THE ALBANIAN POLICE.
- ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH THE REGIONAL PARTNERS, INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND POSSIBLE JOINT OPERATIONS. ALBANIA IS GIVING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.
- UPCOMING OLIMPICS ARE ALSO A PRIORITY AND THEREFORE RELEVANT MEASURES ARE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN.
- VERY CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS THAT ARE ON THE FRONT LINE OF THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM.

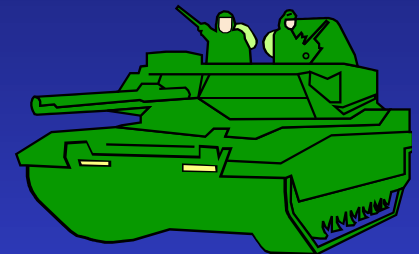
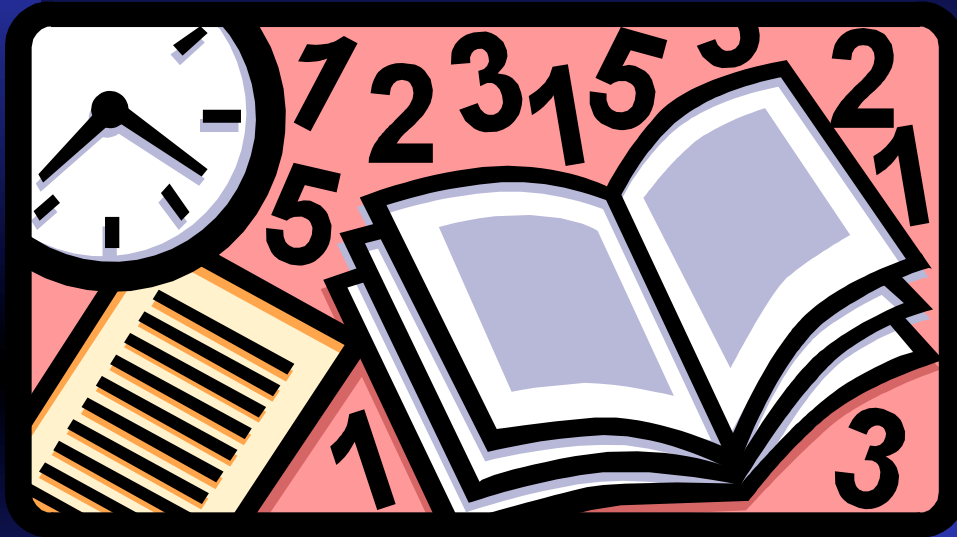
ARMY, POLICE AND SECURITY SECTOR RESTRUCTURING

- IT IS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS INCLUDING OPERATIONAL DESIGNS, PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGIES.
- THE ALBANIAN INTELLIGENCE IS SET UP ON BOTH FUNCTIONAL AND GEOGRAPHIC CONCEPTS.
- IT HAS A SPECIALISED UNIT IN THE LEVEL OF THE DIRECTORATE IN THE HEADQUARTERS AND IN THE FIELD COVERING ALL THE DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTRY. ITS MISSION IS TO MONITOR EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES, TERRORIST RELATED ACTIVITIES, REGIONAL EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS ETC.
- ALBANIAN POLICE HAS THE C/T DIRECTORATE IN THE HEADQUARTERS AS WELL AS SPECIALISED C/T UNITS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WHOLE TERRITORY.
- THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAVE ALSO THEIR C/T UNITS WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY FALLS MAINLY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ARMED FORCES.
- RESTRUCTURING IS AN ONGOING PROCESS AND PRESUMABLY WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO BE COMPLETED AS A WHOLE.

STRATEGY OF THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT IN FIGHTING TERRORISM

- IT IS STILL WORKING TO FINALIZE A STRATEGY, HOWEVER SHORT AND MID-TERM STRATEGIES ARE ALREADY COMPLETED.
- POST 9/11, AN ACTION PLAN HAS BEEN COMPILED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THIS PLAN SPECIFIES THE RELEVANT RESPONSABILITIES OF ALL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES IN THE WAR AGAINST TERROR. IT ALSO REQUIRES ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL MODIFICATIONS FOR THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, FINANCE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS ETC.
- THE NEW LAW FOR THE FINANCES OF TERRORISM HAS ALREADY BEEN DRAFTED AND IT WILL BE APPROVED BY THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- TERRORIS ARE PURSUED AS CRIMINALS. THEY ARE ARRESTED, PROSECUTED AND TRIED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ALBANIAN RULES AND LEGISLATION.
- THE LEAD ROLE IN THIS WAR IS PALYED BY THE ALBANIAN POLICE AND SECURITY AGENCIES.
- WE HAVE ALSO DEPLOYED TROOPS IN THE PEACE KEEPING MISSIONS IN BOSNIE HERCEGOVINA AND AFGANISTAN. WE ARE PARTICIPATING AS PART OF "GLOBAL COALITION AGAINST TERRORISM" IN THE OPERATION "IRAQI FREEDOM". THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE WITH MORE TROOPS IN THIS GLOBAL WAR.

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